Relief measures for socially backward people in Tsunami hit areas

2124. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the relief and rehabilitation measures taken by her Ministry for the socially backward persons in the Tsunami hit areas; and

(b) the details of the measures undertaken and implemented particularly in Tamil Nadu and other affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry has taken up special relief and rehabilitation measures for persons including *inter-alia* persons who are socially backward, elderly, disabled, children and women in Tsunami affected areas.

Details of such measures are:

(i) Counselling services for Tsunami affected children in Tamil Nadu through NGOs for which Rs. 4.14 lakhs have been sanctioned.

(ii) Setting up of 3 children's home by State Government of Tamil Nadu for which Rs. 11.68 lakhs have been sanctioned.

(iii) Child Centre being opened through NGOs at Port Blair with outreach centre at Hut Bay in Andaman and Nicobar Islands at cost of Rs. 2.76 lakhs.

(iv) 6 child help-centres with 24 sub-centres for children in all Tsunami affected areas have been set up by CHILDLINE India Foundation for which an amount of Rs. 9.40 lakhs have been sanctioned.

(v) A total of 1981 aids and appliances have been distributed to the persons with disabilities in Southern India of which 900 aids and appliances have been distributed in Tamil Nadu.

(vi) More than 200 aids and appliances have been distributed to persons with disabilities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(vii) The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) under Ministry of Social Justice and

Empowerment, which provides concessional finance to members of the backward classes asked the concerned State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) to submit proposals for financial assistance for the affected people of the target group. The SCA of Tamil Nadu submitted a project proposal for training programmes for the affected people and Corporation has sanctioned Rs. 25.00 lakhs for the above project.

Implementation of Bodo Accord, 2003

2125. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not implementing clause 8 of the 2nd Bodo Accord, 2003 regarding the inclusion of Boro kocharis of Karbi-Anglong, Assam into the ST (Hills) list; and

(b) the stipulated time, if any, by when the Bill in this connection is likely to be brought in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AND AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) (a) and (b) There is a procedure prescribed for inclusion of communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes. No definite time-frame can be provided in this regard.

Diversion of funds in Assam

2126. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that huge amount of funds, out of the funds released as grants under the provision of Article 275(1) for Assam in 2003-04 have been diverted to some areas other than tribal sub-plan and belt block areas;

(b) if so, the details of the funds and their diversions, scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) (a) and (b) The Ministry has received a letter dated 27.01.2005 from the Office of the Guwahati District Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Guwahati alleging that the Welfare of Plains Tribes and Backward Classes Deptt., Government, of Assam have diverted funds meant for TSP area to other Non-TSP areas. A statement indicating scheme-wise funds released under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution